is no proposal to form a consortium of scientific institutions at regional or local level by involving local bodies for the purpose.

**Allocation for Road Links Announced**

1300. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what allocation has made for the project to connect all villages with population of over 1000, with roads announced on the P.M.'s Birthday for the current year and the rest of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of such villages not linked with roads at present, State-wise; and

(c) the State-wise targets under the rural road links plan for Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam and other States?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKA1AH NAIDU): (a) A Central Allocation of Rs.2500 crore has been made for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Budget for the year 2000-2001 and another sum of Rs. 2500 crore has been allocated in the Budget for the year 2001- 2002 for the Programme.

(b) A statement indicating State-wise number of villages not linked with roads is given (see next page).

(c) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana envisages connecting all Habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons through good, All-weather roads by the year 2003 and those with a population of more than 500 persons by the year 2007 depending on availability of funds.

**Monitoring Committees for Rural Development works**

† 1301. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has directed all State Governments to constitute monitoring committees to monitor the works of rural development from Block level to State level;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many State Governments including Uttar Pradesh are not following the said directions;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

## Statement

*State-wise number of villages not linked with Roads (Source: Planning Commission)*

| SUIO/UTi | Total no. of villages !991 Census | No. of villages wiih population 1000 & above | No of villages enmwtni IO been connected up to 31-3-97 | Balance <Col 4-J) | No. of villages population below 1000 | No. of villages estimated io been connected up to 31-3-97 | Balance (Col 7-8) | Total No. of unconnected villages |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| I Andhra Pradesh | 26586 | 14,422 | 12878 | 1,544 | 12164 | 9954 | 2210 | 3,754 |
| 2 Arunachal Pradesh | 3649 | 116 | 100 | 16 | 3533 | 1380 | 2153 | 2.169 |
| 3 Assam | 23208 | 3.872 | 3807 | 65 | 19336 | 13497 | 5839 | 5.904 |
| 4 Bihar | 67546 | 17.467 | 11925 | 5.542 | 50079 | 20391 | 29688 | 35.230 |
| 5 Goa | 369 | 200 | 200 | r> | 169 | 168 | I | 1 |
| 6 Gujarat | 18028 | 9,507 | 9409 | 98 | 8521 | 7597 | 924 | 1.022 |
| 7 Haryana | 6759 | 3,470 | 3469 | 1 | 3289 | 3209 | 80 | 81 |
| 8 Himachal Pradesh | 16997 | 634 | 407 | 227 | 16363 | 7220 | 9143 | 9.370 |
| 9 Jammu A Kashmir | 6241 | 1.474 | 1217 | 257 | 4767 | 2890 | 1877 | 2.134 |
| 10 Karnataka | 27066 | 9.953 | 995! | 2 | 17113 | 17012 | 101 | 103 |
| II Kerala | 1731 | 1,719 | 1708 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 13 |
| 12 Madhya Pradesh | 65526 | 8,935 | 5980 | 2,955 | 56591 | 12626 | 43965 | 46,920 |
| 13 Maharashtra | 39522 | 13.275 | 12615 | 660 | 26247 | 15356 | 10891 | 11.551 |
| 14 Manipur | 2180 | 346 | 282 | 64 | 1834 | 720 | 1114 | 1,178 |
| IS Meghalaya | 5484 | 144 | 109 | 35 | 5340 | 2377 | 2963 | 2,998 |
| 16 Mizoram | 785 | 102 | !02 | 0 | 683 | 552 | 131 | 131 |
| 17 Nagaland | 1119 | 281 | 28! | 0 | 838 | 713 | 125 | 125 |
| 18 Orissa | 50970 | 7173 | 5723 | 1.450 | 43797 | 19324 | 24473 | 25.923 |
| 19 Punjab | 12428 | 4978 | 4978 | 0 | 7450 | 7111 | 339 | 339 |
| 20 Rajasthan | 37889 | 10766 | 9309 | 1.457 | 27123 | 10404 | 16719 | 18.176 |
| 21 Sikkim | 453 | 112 | 108 | 4 | 341 | 252 | 89 | 93 |
| 22 Tamil Nadu | 50837 | 9705 | 9188 | 517 | 41132 | 16830 | 24302 | 24,819 |
| 23 Tripura | 7412 | 400 | 400 | 0 | 7012 | 3375 | 3637 | 3.637 |
| 24 Uttar Pradesh | 112803 | 37937 | 17105 | 20.832 | 74866 | 39761 | 35105 | 55.937 |
| 25 West Bengal | 38075 | 10429 | 6918 | 3,511 | 27646 | 11613 | 16033 | 19,544 |
| Total (State*) | 623663 | 167.417 | 128169 | 39.248 | 456246 | 224342 | 231904 | 271.152 |
| Unioo Tern tones | | | | | | | | |
| 26 AAN Islands | 504 | 56 | 55 | 1 | 448 | !69 | 279 | 280 |
| 27 Chandigarh | 22 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 Dadra*NagarH | 71 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 33 | 33 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 Daman *St.* Diu | 24 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 Delhi | 17! | 160 | 160 | 0 | II | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 Lakshadweep | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| 32 Pondicherry | 264 | 93 | 93 | 0 | 171 | 171 | 0 | 0 |
| To*! (UT») | 1060 | 386 | 383 | 3 | 674 | 393 | 281 | 284 |
| Grand Tool (SvUokm Toritorica) | 624723 | 167,803 | 128552 | 39,251 | 456920 | 224735 | 232185 | 271,436 |

(d) by when the Government would ensure the compliance of the said directions by Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information available. Monitoring Committees have been set up in all States/Uts, including UP. except the newly formed states of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand from which no information has yet been received regarding setting up of their Committees.

**Inclusion of UP district in Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana**

† 1302. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment propose to include Muzaffarnagar and Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh in the Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana for repairing the Roads;

(b) if so, whether Government would direct the State Govemment to repair the various routes of Muzaffarnagar and the route from Bhagwanpur to Bhagautipur, Basai under the Thekma block of Azamgarh;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Pradhan VlantriGram Sadak Yojana is a programme intended to provide road connectivity, by way of good Alt-weather roads, to all unconnected Habitations with a population of more than 500 persons. While the primary focus of the Programme is on construction of new roads, upgradation, to prescribed standards, of existing roads, where necessary, is also envisaged. Upgradation would, however, not cover repairs of existing roads.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Selection of Villages for PM's Rural Roads Plan**

1303. SHRI KM. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reference has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Govemment regarding the State's right to select villages to be included in the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Plan; and

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